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SOVIET ENGINEER SCORES BULGARIAN MTS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 20 Nov 50

The tractor brigade headed by Soviet engineer M. V. Stepanyuk has completed its tour of Ruse Okrug and a conference was held at which the Soviet expert summarized his findings. According to Stepanyuk, the tractors are not adequately utilized, and are left idle for unduly long periods; in the Tutra-kan MTS, for example, the tractors were used to only 50 percent of capacity during the busiest part of the agricultural season. It has been noticed that the charts of technical checks are not regularly kept, spare tractors are left in a dirty, neglected condition, and sand and earth are allowed to penetrate the mechanisms thus hastening the deterioration of essential parts and causing frequent breakdowns.

A criminal policy has been apparent in the Tutra-kan MTS, where one STZ-Nati during one season had no less than ten different operators. The supervisors have tried to justify themselves with the lame excuse that they had given the proper orders but that the latter were not followed. According to Stepanyuk, however, such procedures reveal the action of class enemies. The regional technical supervisors appear anxious to eliminate the consequences of breakdowns instead of preventing them.

The accounting services are also conducted on an incorrect basis. The plowing area is established according to the workdays of operators, regardless of their personal qualifications. By their bureaucratic methods, accounting supervisors destroy any attempt to stimulate competitive work. In some villages it is impossible to complete 600 decares of plowing, whereas in others operators are paid bonuses for completing 1,000 decares of low-standard plowing work, and still in others wage deductions have been ordered for the food of workers who have provided their own meals. Furthermore, Stepanyuk said, some MTS supervisors, after reaching their high position, abandon all ambition to acquire further technical knowledge, and as a result the technical work is turned over to class enemies.

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The personnel, according to the Soviet expert, must be drawn from the Farm Workers' Cooperatives. Furthermore, he remarked that self-criticism was very poorly practiced by many MTS supervisors.

In concluding the conference, the secretary general of the Bulgarian Communist Party okrug committee criticized the inadequate work of the party okoliya committees in strengthening the MTS, and thanked Stepanyuk for his help in improving MTS work in Ruse Okrug. The Ruse MTS have already announced a competition with Stalin Okrug for the fulfillment of the fall plowing plan, the immediate overhauling of machinery ahead of the official deadline, and the implementation of all recommendations made by Stepanyuk.

INTENSIFY FIGHT AGAINST GRAIN PESTS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 20 Nov 50

Besides the leatherjacket parasite, this year's sowings are also threatened by the appearance of the harpalus beetle. The main focus of these pests has been discovered in Dryanovo and Senovo villages in Razgrad Okoliya, where on an area measuring 4,000 decare, 100 of these beetles have been found per square meter of soil. In Ruse Okoliya, which has been the most afflicted by the parasites, the latter have destroyed 30-40 percent of all the seed, which subsequently has decayed or produced very weak plants.

Soviet entomologists who have recently inspected the areas afflicted by the leatherjacket and the harpalus beetle have provided the farmers with valuable instructions on the best method of fighting the pests. All sowings throughout the country are subjected to careful checkings by plant protection specialists. The campaign against the harpalus is conducted by essentially the same methods as those used against leatherjackets: DDT spraying or hexachlorocyclohexane, in a proportion of 10 kilograms per decare for leatherjackets and 2 kilograms for harpalus. The preparations are supplied free of charge by the Zemsrab enterprise, but must be handled very carefully and under the supervision of experts. The infested areas must be encircled by ditches sprayed with the preparation.

The campaign against the pests must be conducted in every agricultural enterprise throughout the country.

PLOWING UNSATISFACTORY -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 19 Nov 50

The Ministry of Agriculture reports that a number of grain-producing okoliyas are very slow in fulfilling the fall deep-plowing plan, among them, Karnobat, Vratsa, Lom, Oryakhovo, Silistra, Byala, Turgovishte, Popovo, Kolarovgrad, Nova Zagora, and Tolbukhin. Throughout most of these areas, only 30 percent of deep plowing had been completed as of 14 November.

In other okoliyas, such as Vidin, Burgas, Sevlievo, Omortag, Provadiya, Razgrad, Tervel, Nikopol, and Yambol, the campaign, as of that date, had not reached more than 20 percent.

The reason for the shortcomings is seen in the failure of the responsible elements to conduct the campaign with the necessary emphasis and seriousness. On the other hand, the drought has prevented the operations from being carried out during the most favorable season, August and September, and therefore they must now be completed with the utmost urgency. The okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets, and all public organizations must spur the efforts of Farm Workers' Cooperatives, MTS, and State Farms to perform the work on a 24-hour schedule.

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INTENSIFY FORESTATION WORK IN EASTERN RHODOPES -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo,
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In spite of the hostile propaganda of the Ankara reactionaries, the population of Mishevo village, Momchilgrad Okoliya, in the Eastern Rhodopes, is making consistent efforts for the afforestation of the area. The plan calls for the planting of 40,000 pine seedlings in November, and 28,354 have already been planted. The work is carried out by brigades which conduct competitions among themselves. Some brigade members of the Turkish minority have distinguished themselves in the campaign, which is continuing at a speedy rate.

REPORTS FALL PLOWING -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 21 Nov 50

As of 19 November 1950, the fall deep-plowing plan had been fulfilled as follows throughout the country: total 41.8 percent, State Farms 37.2 percent, and Farm Workers' Cooperatives 39.3 percent.

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